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Reply Brief

1. The reply brief filed on 1/18/05 has been entered and considered. It is also noted that applicant has requested an oral hearing. The application has now been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Conclusion

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